

# Trinidad Bay Watershed Council

~ Working together to improve our watershed from the hills to Trinidad Bay ~

**July 23, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Trinidad Town Hall  
Meeting Notes**

## **Present: Name & Affiliation**

Susan Golledge-Rotwein	Trinidad Resident
Roland Johnson	Westhaven resident
Sungnome Madrone	Madrone Enterprises, Westhaven resident
Danny O'Shea	Westhaven resident
Becky Price-Hall	City of Trinidad
Erin Quinlan	Westhaven resident
Christy Sabo	Westhaven resident
Stephen Saunders	Westhaven resident
Jonas Savage	Trinidad Rancheria
Marilyn Sterling	Trinidad Resident
Richard Swisher	Westhaven Community Services District, Westhaven resident
Barbara Wright	Westhaven resident
Jeremy Wright	Green Diamond Resource Co.

**Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 with introductions; developed agenda. Becky Price-Hall facilitated the meeting. Jeremy Wright took notes.

**Review the April 23, 2009 meeting notes:** Copies of the meeting notes were available for review. No changes were requested.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Review and approve applications for voting members**

The application process was reiterated, and all received applications reviewed. Received applicants were placed into determined council member categories based on the choices made by each applicant which were transposed onto a separate document provided by Becky. After discussion a consensus was made on the voting member body and council member category for each member.

### **Trinidad Bay Watershed Council Voting Members**

Don Allan	Local Organization (Humboldt North Coast Regional Land Trust)
Susan Golledge-Rotwein	Trinidad Owner Resident
Roland Johnson	Local Organization (Friends of the Trinidad Library)
Erin Quinlan	Non-City Owner Resident
Christy Sabo	Non-City Owner Resident
Stephen Saunders	Recreational Fishing
Jonas Savage	Tribal (Trinidad Rancheria)
Barbara Wright	Non-City Owner Resident
Jeremy Wright	Local Business (Green Diamond Resource Co.)

The only voting member category not filled was Commercial Fishing. The Council reached consensus to fill the position at a later date, when and if, a potential member of the public is interested.

**Review and approve TBWC structure and procedures**

The draft version of the structures and procedures memo was distributed to the all attendees. Discussion was held on potential revisions. Below is a summary of changes:

- 5 members required for quorum
- Voting to be held by motions
- Voting members will poll the meeting attendees for guidance
- Term of service for voting members will be one year; following first year, terms of service will be revisited
- Voting members will attend at least 3 of 4 business meetings
- Alternate voting members will be discussed at future meetings

Member Savage motioned for a vote on the proposed revisions to the Structure & Procedures. All members voted in favor of proposed revisions.

**ACTION ITEM:** Becky will provide a revised Structures & Procedures memo for the next business meeting.

**FURTHER DISCUSSIONS**

**Proposition 84 Funding Availability**

There was discussion on the current status of Prop 84 funds. These funds are currently frozen by the State until the budget crisis is resolved or is back-funding with potential Federal stimulus funds. The future of these monies is not generally known at this time.

**General Plan Update**

There was discussion on the current status of the Humboldt County General Plan update. Members expressed the need for additional information on this subject. Sungnome volunteered to approach county representatives and the Trinidad city planner for a potential informational presentation to the Council on October 22.

**Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) Update**

Members discussed the current state of the MLPA public review process. There was considerable interest on the role of the Department of Fish and Game, impact to local fisheries and the inclusion of public input to this process. Member Savage volunteered to coordinate a potential informational meeting on this issue tentatively scheduled for September 1.

**TBWC Coordinator's Report**

Becky distributed a formalized report on the past accomplishments and current status of her position. An expense report was also included in the report. Based on the current funding sources and remaining resources available to fund her position it was decided to focus efforts to locate additional resources in order to secure her position. Member Wright volunteered to solicit potential funds from his employer. Various members of the Board suggested a bake sale, with Members donating sale items, for the next business meeting.

**ACTION ITEM:** Becky will distribute an email to coordinate the bake sale.

The Board voted unanimously to distribute the TBWC Coordinator's Report.

**U.S. Navy exercise off the coast**

There was general discussion on the proposed naval exercises which may occur off the coast of Humboldt County. Member Quinlan expressed interest in obtaining additional information and volunteered to obtain additional resources for a potential informational meeting in the future.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** September 1, 2009 at 7 PM at Trinidad Town Hall.

Proposed agenda items:

- Informational presentation of the MLPA

Submitted by Member Jeremy Wright